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R 061516Z MAR 75  
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7853  
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED POUCH EXCHANGES AT LENINGRAD

REF: A. LENINGRAD 18

B. MOSCOW 806 (NOTAL)

C. STATE 23183

1. IN CALL MARCH 5 ON G. BOSIKOV, OFFICIAL OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION, EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ATTENTION TO TOTAL LACK OF PROGRESS ON PROBLEMS (REF A) FACED BY CONGEN LENINGRAD IN MEETING WEEKLY COURIER AT AIRPORT. RECALLING ASSURANCES GIVEN BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT ADE- QUATE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE, EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT IN FACT SPECIAL SOVIET AIRPORT VEHICLE PROMISED FOR CONGEN USE NEVER APPEARED AND AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO REFUSE PERMISSION FOR CONGEN VEHICLE TO GO ON TARMAC. THUS IN RECENT WEEKS CONGEN OFFICERS TO GET TO PLANE HAVE HAD TO WALK OR TAKE BUS GOING OUT FOR PASSENGERS. ONLY MEANS TO RETURN TO GATE WITH POUCHES HAS BEEN TO HITCH RIDE ON RETURN TRIP OF OPEN BAGGAGE CART WHICH DELIVERS PAS- Senger LUGGAGE. GIVEN EXPOSURE TO WEATHER, AT A MINI- MUM CLOSED SOVIET VEHICLE WAS REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH USE OF CONGEN VEHICLE CONTINUED TO BE OUR PREFERENCE AND SEEMED BEST SOLUTION.

2. AFTER BRIEF REFERENCE TO CIVIL AVIATION RULES PRO-  
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ON TARMAC, BOSIKOV ALLEGED THAT SOVIETS IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR COURIERS. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED MAGNETOMETER WALK-THROUGH AND EFFORTS TO CHECK VALISE CONTENTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROGRESS IN RESOLVING SAN FRANCISCO SITUATION MIGHT HELP LENINGRAD, ALTHOUGH HE PROMISED IN ANY CASE TO QUERY LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF CLOSED OR COVERED TRANSPORT FOR CONGEN OFFICERS RECEIVING POUCHES.

3. TO ENABLE EMBASSY TO PURSUE MATTER WITH MFA, WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON STATUS SOVIET REQUESTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MENTIONED PARA 4 REF C. WOULD HOPE LEVERAGE CAN BE APPLIED SUFFICIENT TO GAIN ACCESS TO PLANE BY CONGEN VEHICLE. REGARDLESS OF ARRANGEMENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE RELIABLE, COVERED TARMAC TRANSPORT ESSENTIAL IN LENINGRAD'S HARSH CLIMATE. STOESSEL

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